

Savannah, Georgia:

Gateway to the World?

Crane Worldwide's second facility in Savannah - opening soon!

Many have said that after its upcoming port expansion, Savannah, Georgia, will become the South's gateway to the world.

But they're wrong.

With the advantages the upgraded port will bring, there's a good chance Savannah will become the gateway to the world for not only the South, but for the entire United States.

In 2017, the Port of Savannah was responsible for 10 percent of U.S. containerized exports with that figure expected to grow.

Currently the 2nd largest port in the U.S. the "Big Berth/Big Ship" program will host 37 monthly arrivals - the most of all East Coast Ports. On the 5th June, 2019, in just 12 hours, the port hit their record of 12,716 trucks in and out!

Savannah port has a projected \$2.5B capital investment budget over the next 10 years to continue its innovative approach to maximize time and efficiency.

Construction includes the deepening of the Savannah River which is now over 50% complete, to 47 feet at mean low water, targeting full completion in 2020.

Notably, the port is the first stop for ten of the East Coast sailings and the last out for nine sailings.

- Most monthly arrivals of all East Coast ports (37)
- Over 13,000 trucks per day
- 2 class-1 railroads on dock
- Single Terminal: No need to switch terminals
- All-gray chassis fleet

Currently the port can handle three, 14 TEU vessels however by 2024 it will be able to handle six 14 TEU vessels at the same time.

By 2024, 21 new cranes will be added which will make a total of 37 cranes in operation expanding upon the current 30 that are used today.



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Clients know the potential problems that often arise when shipping in and out of well-known megaports such as the Port of Los Angeles.

Between the world's worst traffic congestion and mounting backlogs, there are plenty of reasons for shipments to become delayed at major ports like Los Angeles, giving Savannah a strong appeal that could cut time and costs.

"The types of issues you will see at Los Angeles' port typically are related to backlogs, which can delay shipments for days," said District Director of Savannah Kellie Robertson.

"In addition to great leadership, Savannah is very efficient and well-run. Drivers can get in and out of the port quickly."

Robertson says Savannah is highly sought because the city has strategically engineered not only the port's expansion, but also its network of roads.

Drivers would typically be required to go through several stoplights in order to leave the port, creating backups and delays.

"They opened a road that goes directly to the port and created a bypass to give easy access to two interstates and two railroads."

Due to the new bypass, the Savannah Port is now only four hours away from major hub markets such as Atlanta, Orlando, Florida and Charlotte, and North Carolina.

Clients are beginning to realize the true supply chain potential from this massive expansion.



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